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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 4-329944, published November 18, 1992, together with an English-Language Translation;
2. T. Oyama et al., "Extended Adaptation of Stomach EMR: Contrivance and Results of Method Aimed at Large En-bloc Resection; Endoscopic Mucosal Resection Using a Hooking Knife", *Stomach and Intestine* 37(9): 1155-1161 (2002), together with an English-Language Translation; and

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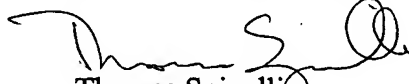
  
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Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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